

I opposed the proposed FCC rule change allowing more media consolidation. Concentration of the media in the hands of a few powerful conglomerates strikes at the very heart of the First Amendment, closing the door to diversity of programming and diversity of opinion, and robbing the public of the likelihood of hearing both sides or multiple sides of any issue. Ultimately, concentration of media ownership in the hands of a few destroys the ideals of free speech and a free press. In fact, the last relaxing of FCC rules which concentrated ownership of much of the nation's radio stations in the hands of three powerful media corporations has done nothing to serve the public interest and has, in effect, degraded the quality and diversity of much of the nation's radio programming across all markets. I want rules in place that serve the public, rather than private, interest. I want rules in place that ensure that America's press remains free and a watchdog of the people. I want rules in place that ensure people have access to a true variety of programming, news sources and opinions. I oppose taking a vote that leads to more media consolidation. On June 2nd, I urge you to retain the current ownership rules.